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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATION: DENKTASH OPPOSES RESUMPTION OF TALKS  
BEFORE JUNE

REF: (A) NICISOA 1126, (B) NICOSIA 1096

1. SYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DE CUELLAR/POLAD GORGE HAVE INFORMED US AND BRITISH THAT IN APRIL 27 MEETING WITH DE CUELLAR, DENKTASH WAS "COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO A MEETING OF THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATORS BEFORE JUNE." DENKTASH CONFIRMED THAT ONAN WILL BE LEAVING MAY 13 FOR TRIPOLI ISLAMIC FORUMINISTERS CONFERENCE BEGINNING MAY 16 AND WILL NOT RETURN TO CYPRUS BEFORE END OF MAY. ONAN'S DEPARTURE DATE PRECLUDED ACCEPTING DE CUELLAR'S PROPOSAL FOR MAY 12 OR 13. FURTHER, A MEETING JUST BEFORE TURKISH ELECTIONS WOULD BE POINTLESS. THEREFORE, THE EARLIEST PRACTICAL DATE TO RESUME WOULD BE IN MID-JUNE. DE CUELLAR OBJECTED THAT THIS IS CONTRARY TO VIENNA COMMITMENT. DENKTASH WAS NOT CONCERNED.

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2. DENKTASH ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT HE IS ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT THE US CONGRESS WILL DO ABOUT THE ARMS PROGRAM FOR TURKEY BEFORE ANY FURTHER MEETINGS OF NEGOTIATORS TAKE PLACE.

3. DE CUELLAR IS QUITE DISCOURAGED ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE IS SURE THAT AS A RESULT OF PREPARATION

MEETING WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON (REF A), DENKTASH'S POSITION WAS FULLY COORDINATED WITH GOT.

4. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, DENKTASH INFORMED UN OFFICIALS THAT COL QADHAFI IS SENDING HIM AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ISLAMIC FONMINISTERS MEETING IN TRIPOLI. DENKTASH INTENDS TO GO ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT YET MADE APUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT.

5. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION REF B, TURKISH AMBASSADOR WAS CLEARLY DIPPING US OFF TO THIS KIND OF DEVELOPMENT. END COMMENT.

6. I HAD BEEN ABOUT TO LAUNCH DEPT'S IDEAS FOR ADDING SUBSTANCE TO MAY NEGOTIATION, HAVING, FOR EXAMPLE, SCHEDULED APR 29 APPOINTMENT WITH PAPADOPOULOS. IF THE TURKISH POSITION OF TODAY STANDS, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT EVEN HAVE A NEGOTIATION, AT LEAST BEFORE THE TURKISH ELECTIONS, TO WHICH TO APPLY THIS CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING. I WILL BE SEEING DE CUELLAR TOMORROW, APR 28, IN MID-MORNING. IN ADDITION TO WHATEVER OTHER ACTION DEPT MAY CONSIDER, I WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR THAT MEETING BY NIACT IMMEDIATE.

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